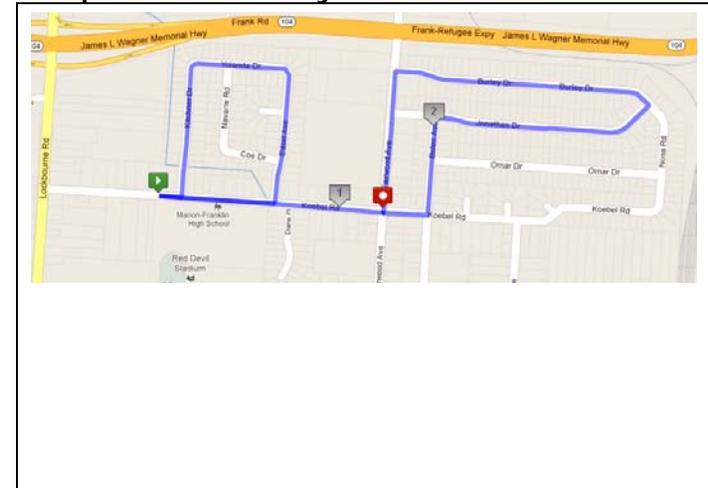


**Study Information**

Community Name	Marion Franklin
Date of Walk Study:	August 11, 2012
Participants:	City Staff: 1
	Adults: 2
	Children: 0
Distance Walked:	2.2 miles <i>(ex. 1.78 miles)</i>
Weather Conditions:	Cool, cloudy, high 60's <i>(ex. Partly Cloudy, low 50's)</i>

**Map of Area Surveyed**



**General Comments:**

The neighborhood suffers from a poorly connected street network and isolated pockets of housing – making it difficult to walk to daily destinations. There are new facilities that have been recently installed or are being installed that will make it easier to walk in the community – including new sidewalks on Fairwood Avenue and on Bulen as well as new bike lanes on Lockborne Road. Residents enjoy the parks that serve their community – and are especially reliant on greenspace surrounding community schools for recreation opportunities and community gathering.



**Photos:**


**Comments:** Residents have some great facilities in Marion Franklin Recreation Center and in Sills Park – however there are few safe and walkable connections to those parks across busy Lockborn Road. Residents are also able to access play facilities are Fairwood and Watkins Elementary schools.





**Comments:**

**While residents report feeling an overall sense of safety within their neighborhood, traffic along Watkins and Lockborne Roads moves very fast. Although those road have sidewalks and Lockborne has bike lanes, residents are still somewhat uncomfortable utilizing those facilities because of the speed of traffic.**



**Healthy Places  
Be Healthy, Stay Safe**

**Where Should I Walk:  
Walk Study Checklist**

			
<p><b>Vacant home</b></p>	<p><b>There are also some beautifully maintained homes.</b></p>	<p><b>Graffiti on a vacant home.</b></p>	
<p><b>Comments:</b> Residents report that the vacancies in their neighborhood are long term ones – and they have concerns that the persistent blight will lead to crime and other unsafe conditions (including serving as a breeding grown for feral cats).</p>			

